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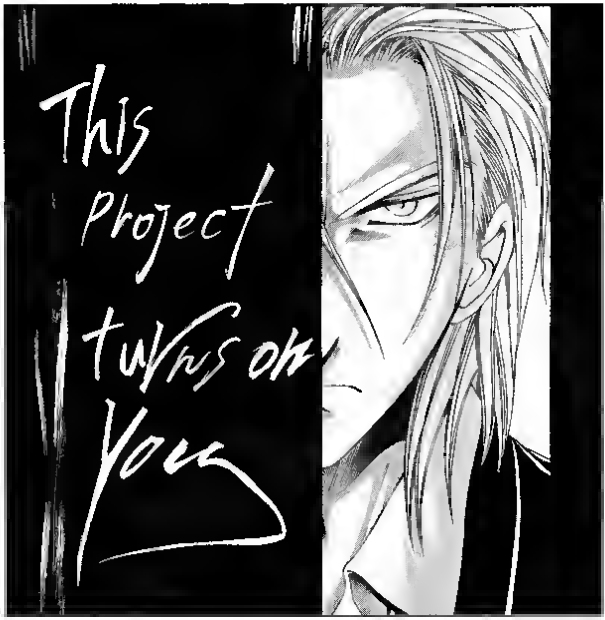

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ナナキ
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SEVEN MURDERS DONE BY THE DRAWING OF BLOOD FROM THE VICTIMS SIMILAR TO THE 1960 CASES OF
DO YOU THINK THE GUY'S DANGEROUS?
IT SURE IS HARD TO BELIEVE
HEH

speak of the devil.

MAN
SURE DID GIVE ME A PRETTY BAD FRIGHT
YEAH. I WAS STILL JUST A KID BACK THEN, THOUGH
I WAS SURE IT WAS ALL A JOKE!
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
YOU KNOW, I STILL REMEMBER BACK IN THOSE DAYS WHEN THIS WHOLE THING STRANG UP BEFORE.
THE JAPANESE VAMPIRE ESCAPES!!
Will the same tragedy unfold once again!?
SO HE REALLY DID DRINK PEOPLE'S BLOOD?
ってた!?

GAH ...
TCH.
WHY DO I GOTTA GO RUNNING AROUND IN ALL THIS DAMN HEAT ...
Don't I do this enough at school anyway?
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URK.
WHA-
!?
DON'T THINK YOU CAN MESS WITH ME !
'FALLEN!'

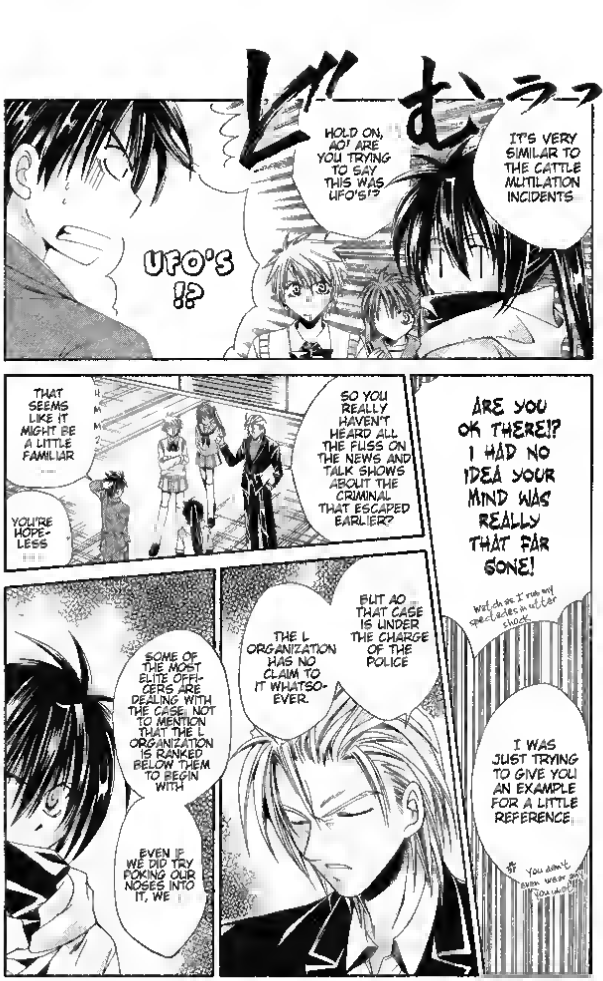
GAH
...
EEK
...
OUCH
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO LET YOUR GUARD DOWN TILL YOU REACHED THE END?
OSSAN!
...H, MY... NO MATTER HOW LONG WE WAIT, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO RET...N ANY ...BILITY TO CONCENTRATE, DOESN'T IT?
NANAKI.

BUT WHATEVER THEY SAY, NANAKI-KUN, IT'S STILL AMAZING THAT YOU GOT THROUGH WITHOUT GETTING HURT!
IT'S HOPELESS, GUNJI-SAN.
IT'S WAY TOO SOON FOR THIS GUY TO BE USING THE TRAINING FIELD.
SATSUKI AND KANADE YOU GUYS WERE HERE?
YEP! WE CAME JUST NOW!
GUNJI-SAN! AO SAID HE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING!
SO AO'S GOTTEN BACK?
YEAH, HE'S IN THE MISSION ROOM RIGHT NOW.
Eh?
AO SKIPPED OUT ON TRAINING!?
UNLIKE YOU, AO WOULD NEVER DO THAT! HE HAD HIS MEDICAL EXAM AT HEADQUARTERS!
HE GOES TWICE A YEAR, RIGHT?

AO-KUN IS A LITTLE SELF CONSCIOUS ABOUT IT, ISN'T HE?
CUT IT OUT! WHY CAN'T YOU JUST STAY AWAY FROM THAT WHOLE TOPIC?
HE TRYING TO GET THAT COSMETIC HEIGHT NCREASE?
YOU'RE KIDDING!? SO THERE'S SOMETHING CUTE ABOUT HIM AFTER ALL!
DOWN...HA..HA..!
.....
OH! AO!

SO DID YOU GET ANY TALLE..
SATSUKI-CHAN, PLEASE CALM DOWN
HEHEH
HEY. AO
SATSUKI! I'M OFFICIALLY PROHIBITING YOU FROM USING YOUR STRONG IDIOT POWER TO THWACK ME EVER AGAIN
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU IT'S CALLED 'MIGHT ARM' BEFORE YOU FINALLY GET IT!?
AO REPORT YOUR RESULTS
REJOICING ENOUGH THAT YOU DIDN'T THINK THEIR COMING TO THE ACTUAL SPOT ITSELF WAS TERRIBLY PLEASANT
IT'S RATHER PRECIOUS AFTER ALL
THE RESEARCHERS WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS

I THREW UP.
DON'T THROW ME IN THE SAME CLASS AS YOU
YOU SAYING YOU ATE SO MUCH YOU GOT SICK?
I'D LIKE TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDERS INVOLVING THE VICTIMS WHO WERE DRAINED OF THEIR BLOOD
DRAINED OF BLOOD?
How what are you talking about?
YOU WANNA STEP OUTSIDE WITH ME FOR A WHILE?
ANY TIME.
THAT'S ENOUGH YOU TWO. AO, WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED TO TELL ME?
These guys are too much...


UFO'S !?
HOLD ON, AO! ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THIS WAS UFO'S!?
IT'S VERY SIMILAR TO THE CATTLE MUTILATION INCIDENTS
SO YOU REALLY HAVEN'T HEARD ALL THE FUSS ON THE NEWS AND TALK SHOWS ABOUT THE CRIMINAL THAT ESCAPED EARLIER?
THAT SEEMS LIKE IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE FAMILIAR
YOU'RE HOPE-LESS
ARE YOU OK THERE!? I HAD NO IDEA YOUR MIND WAS REALLY THAT FAR GONE!
Wait, do I really wear spectacles in outer space?
I WAS JUST TRYING TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE FOR A LITTLE REFERENCE
You don't even wear any!! You idiot!!
BUT AO THAT CASE IS UNDER THE CHARGE OF THE POLICE
THE L ORGANIZATION HAS NO CLAIM TO IT WHATSO-EVER.
SOME OF THE MOST ELITE OFFI-CERS ARE DEALING WITH THE CASE, NOT TO MENTION THAT THE L ORGANIZATION IS RANKED BELOW THEM TO BEGIN WITH
EVEN IF WE DID TRY POKING OUR NOSES INTO IT, WE

I NEVER GET MY WAY LIKE THAT.
ONE LOSS FOR GUNJI-SAN
TALK ABOUT SOFT ...
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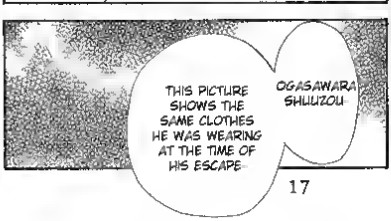
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT
HEHEHEHEH

CODE AND VOICE PRINT CONFIRMED
...? WHO'S THE OLD MAN?

COMPUTER DISPLAY THE FILE ON THE MURDERS FROM POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS
RECOGNITION CODE?
GUNJI HIDEAKI CO-AB-A-01


OGASAWARA SHUUZOU
THIS PICTURE SHOWS THE SAME CLOTHES HE WAS WEARING AT THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE

IN 1980, A CORPSE WAS DISCOVERED WITH ONE THIRD OF THE BLOOD COMPLETELY DRAINED FROM IT.
MORE CASES CONTINUED TO OCCUR, ALWAYS AT NIGHT, TILL FINALLY A TOTAL OF SEVEN VICTIMS WERE FOUND.
FROM INVESTIGATIONS OF THE AREAS SURROUNDING THE CRIME SCENES IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT OGASAWARA, A CATHOLIC PRIEST FROM THE CHURCH HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME RATHER ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR
SO WHAT WAS SO ABNORMAL ABOUT IT?
WHEN A SEARCH OF THE CHURCH WAS CONDUCTED BLOODSTAINS FROM THE VICTIMS WERE FOUND AND HE WAS ARRESTED
HOWEVER, OGASAWARA CONTINUED TO SAY THAT IT WAS "A TRICK BY THAT VAMPIRE TO BRING ME DOWN."
OF COURSE!
... YOU MEAN THE BLOOD-SUCKERS!?
the same level as the little brat!?
HE WOULD TAKE A STAKE MALLET KNIFE, AND A BOTTLE OF HOLY WATER,
AND WITH THOSE ITEMS PROCEED TO PROWL THE ENTIRE TOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
WHY YOU ...
you're such a dog

AFTER THE PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT OGASAWARA'S POWERS OF REASONING WERE SEVERELY LIMITED.
AND HE WAS PUT INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH.
BUT WHY DID HE ONLY ESCAPE JUST NOW?
THAT WOULD BE HARD TO SAY... IT SEEMS WHEN HE WAS FIRST HOSPITALIZED, HE DID MAKE A NUMBER OF "STRANGE COMMENTS."
HOWEVER, AFTER A TIME, HE STOPPED SPEAKING ENTIRELY.
HEY, IT'S PROBABLY POINTLESS TO ASK THIS BUT...
YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE GUY ABOUT THIS, DO YOU?
I DON'T DENY THE POSSIBILITY. I WOULDN'T ATTEST TO IT EITHER.
AND IF WE CHECKED YOU IN THERE WITH HIM?
.....
I'VE A BIT OF AO'S MISGIVINGS AS WELL
COMPUTER, DISPLAY THE NEXT FILE
UNDERSTOOD
BEEP BEEP
!?

ALL SEVEN VICTIMS DIED FROM THE DRAWING OF BLOOD FROM TWO PUNCTURE WOUNDS ON THE NECK
WAIT A SEC. YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING
THE VAMPIRE BAT IS A MAMMAL OF APPROXIMATELY 6 CM LONG AND WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY 30 GRAMS. IT SURVIVES BY FEEDING ON THE BLOOD OF LIVESTOCK, DOMESTIC ANIMALS, AND SIMILAR CREATURES, DRINKING ABOUT 25 ML IN ONE MEAL.
THE BATS INHABIT CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND VERY RARELY ATTACK HUMANS THOUGH IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN ROUGHLY 300 CASES
Even if because of the quick decay in appearance of their bite, cause of death is undetermination.
OF COURSE IT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ANY PERSON COULD DIE FROM THE BLOOD LOSS CAUSED BY A VAMPIRE BAT BUT
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN VAMPIRE BATS?
NO. THERE'S NOT MUCH CHANCE OF A VAMPIRE BAT LIVING IN JAPAN
WAIT?
SO YOU'RE SAYING THEY'VE GOT BATS LIKE THAT FLYING AROUND SOMEWHERE ELSE?

TADA!!!

Sawnag here. ↑ Shanoff

So it's the third volume of NARUTO. And the last volume at that.

You know these 3/4 pages have always been nothing but trouble for me.

I think I shall just keep giving my comments on the series here, so everyone please follow along with me.

Here we go ♫

WELL, AT ANY RATE, GO AHEAD AND INVESTIGATE
I'LL SEND OUT A REPORT FROM HEADQUARTERS TO INFORM THE POLICE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT
IF YOU WOULD.
NANAKI'S GOING TOO
Eh...
OF COURSE
BUT WHERE ARE WE EVEN SUPPOSED TO START LOOKING?

IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE, KUDOH-KUN.
THIS IS THE CHURCH WHERE HE ORIGINALLY WORKED.
AND IT LIES AT THE CENTER OF THE AREA WHERE ALL THE PREVIOUS CRIMES TOOK PLACE. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND SOME SORT OF CLUES PERTAINING TO OUR CASE.
WHAT, SO YOU THINK THAT OGASAWARA GUY CAME HERE?
HAVE THEY GOTTEN HERE YET? THOSE GUYS FROM L?

BUT TRY NOT TO FORGET THAT WE ...RE THE ONES IN CHARGE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.
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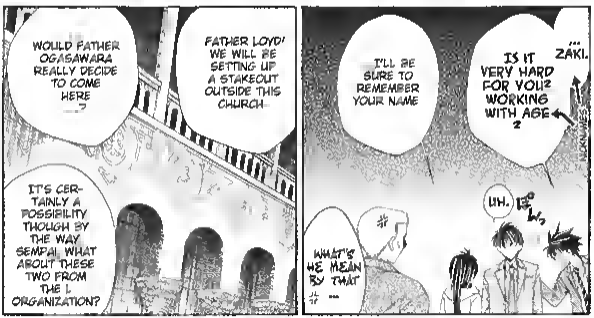
...NOPE.
SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
Maybe you don't, but so I'm familiar with you.
...
SAAH!
GRIND GRIND
YOU DON'T BOTHER TO REMEMBER ANYTHING YOU DEEM UNIMPORTANT, DO YOU?
WHO WERE YOU AGAIN?
AH, THE INVESTIGATOR FROM THE HEAD DEPARTMENT
FOUR YEARS AGO YOU BUTTED IN ON AN INVESTIGATION THAT WAS UNDER THE CHARGE OF THE POLICE DETECTIVES, JUST LIKE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW!

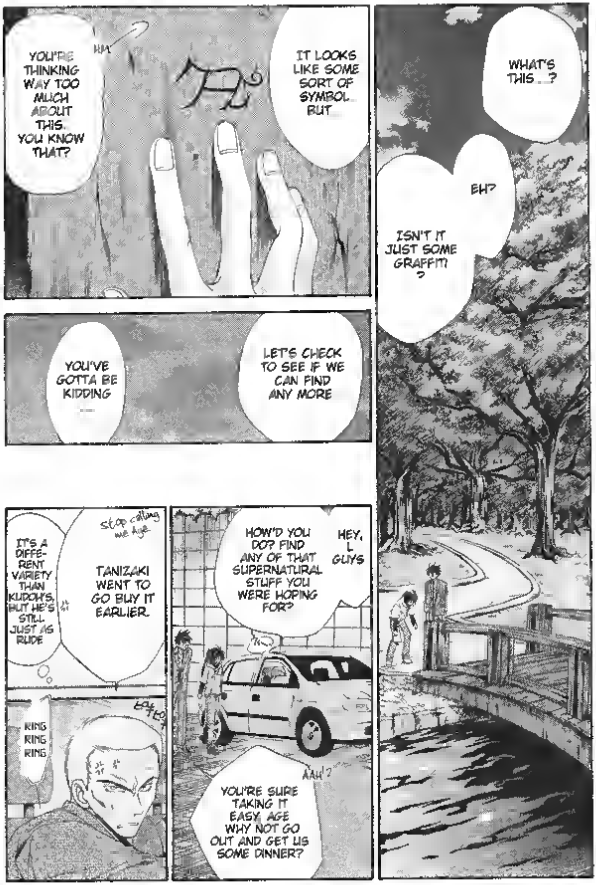
COME ON NOW. TAKE IT EASY, SEMPAI.
I'M TANIZAKI.
AND HE'S AGEO KEIJI.
DON'T BOTHER INTRODUCING YOURSELF!
He's not going to remember it anyway!
AND THIS IS FATHER WILLIAM LOYD.
HE'S BEEN THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH THESE PAST YEARS
YOU SPEAK JAPANESE?
DO NOT WORRY. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN JAPAN FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW
SO THESE TWO YOUNG MEN ARE NOT A PART OF THE POLICE INVESTIGATORS?
THEY DO SEEM RATHER YOUNG
THEY'RE FROM A SPECIAL ORGANIZATION UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
IT HAS SOME TIES TO THE POLICE BUT THEY'RE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT GROUP

LOCK
特命捜査官
七貴 俊輔
NANAKI SHUNSUKE
LOCK
特命捜査官
遠青
OCH AO
THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS AGENCY ...?
I HADN'T BEEN AWARE THAT SUCH AN ORGANIZATION EXISTED
THAT'S NOT TOO SURPRISING EVEN WITHIN THE POLICE YOU HEAR RUMORS THAT THE L ORGANIZATION DOESN'T EVEN EXIST.
OH? HOW ABOUT THE ONE SAYING WE'RE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF FRUITCAKES?
HEHEH IT SEEMS YOU UNDERSTAND OUR FEELINGS VERY WELL
EH? WELL, I GUESS EVERYONE DOES SAY THAT BUT I NEVER REALLY BELIEVED IT.
WHAT !?

I'M SURE THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT WE CAN'T SEE BUT STILL EXIST
BEING ABLE TO ADMIT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO TRULY UNDERSTAND REALITY
AT LEAST, THAT'S THE DEFINITION THAT I'VE ALWAYS KEPT IN MIND

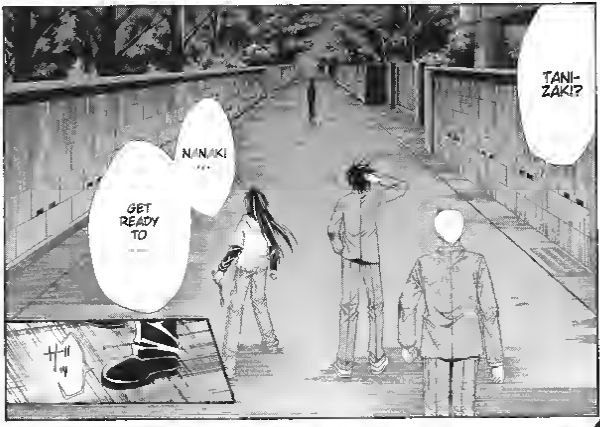

WOULD FATHER OGASAWARA REALLY DECIDE TO COME HERE?
FATHER LOYD! WE WILL BE SETTING UP A STAKEOUT OUTSIDE THIS CHURCH
IT'S CERTAINLY A POSSIBILITY THOUGH BY THE WAY SEMPAI, WHAT ABOUT THESE TWO FROM THE I. ORGANIZATION?
I'LL BE SURE TO REMEMBER YOUR NAME
...ZAKI. IS IT VERY HARD FOR YOU? WORKING WITH AGE 2
UH.
WHAT'S HE MEAN BY THAT ...

YOU TWO WILL BE PATROLLING THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CHURCH
HEY AO...
WHAT ?
HOW COME YOU'RE JUST GIVING IN AND FOLLOWING AGE'S ORDERS?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M DOING.
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE GET A GOOD LOOK AROUND THE AREA
ALL OF THE MURDERS TOOK PLACE IN LOCATIONS NOT VERY FAR FROM THIS CHURCH.
WHAT'S WRONG ?


YOU'RE THINKING WAY TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS. YOU KNOW THAT?
HM
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME SORT OF SYMBOL... BUT...
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING...
LET'S CHECK TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND ANY MORE
WHAT'S THIS...?
EH?
ISN'T IT JUST SOME GRAFFITI?
HEY, L GUYS
HOW'D YOU DO? FIND ANY OF THAT SUPERNATURAL STUFF YOU WERE HOPING FOR?
AAH?
YOU'RE SURE TAKING IT EASY, AGE. WHY NOT GO OUT AND GET US SOME DINNER?
STOP calling me Age
IT'S A DIFFERENT VARIETY THAN KUDOH'S, BUT HE'S STILL JUST AS RUDE
TANIZAKI WENT TO GO BUY IT EARLIER.
RING RING RING

AH TANI-ZAKI...
SE-SEMPAI! I'VE GOT SOME TROUBLE!
I'D JUST FOUND OGASAWARA, AND I... AAAH!
!!
HEY! TANIZAKI
!!
H-HEY!
TCH. YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO KEEP THAT MOUTH FLAP-PING, DON'T YOU?
NANAKI
I'M THE ONE THAT MAKES DECISIONS LIKE THIS! DON'T GO RUNNING OFF ON YOUR OWN!
WE NEED TO FIND HIM.
Don't just sit there.
AMATEUR.
That what you are!
WAIT! YOU L GUYS!

!
HEY


TANI-ZAKI?
NUNAKI
GET READY TO

!?
WHAT ...!?

HOW CAN THEY BE THAT FAST ...!?
A BIRD? SOME SORT OF ANIMAL?
THAT THAT THING
COME ON. IS THAT THE BEST YOU ELITE POLICE GUYS CAN DO? NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT IT WAS SHAPED LIKE A HUMAN.
Dammit. This is annoying.
YOU THINK IT COULD HAVE BEEN THAT OGASAWARA JI-SAN?
YOU THINK HUMANS CAN MOVE LIKE THAT?!
HE-HEH...
Try and take some sense!
...?

AO?

!?
TANIZAKI!
HE'S HURT!
WHAT HAPPENED!?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM, AO...
KUDOH! HOW BAD IS HE...!?

GUNJI-SAN!
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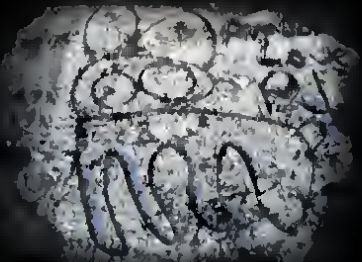
CHARGE OF THE SEARCH FOR OGASAWARA AND THE MURDERS HAVE BOTH BEEN TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE L ORGANIZATION.
THAT AGE GUY GET SCARED OFF?
THE POLICE ARE LEAVING THE CASE COMPLETELY ?
DSPA WAS DETECTED IN THE WOUND ON TANIZAKI'S NECK
!

DS...? WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?
THEY COULDN'T MEAN... DESMOTEPLASE ...?
BUT THAT'S...
IT'S WHAT VAMPIRE BATS PRODUCE WHEN THEY BITE THEIR PREY.
YES. DESMONDUS SALIVARY PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATOR. AN ENZYME THAT PREVENTS THE CLOTTING OF BLOOD.



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ちょうしんりげんしょうのうりょくしゃ

CHARGE OF THE SEARCH FOR OGASAWARA AND THE MURDERS HAVE BOTH BEEN TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE L ORGANIZATION.
A DECISION THAT CAME ABOUT DUE TO THE POLICE INVESTIGATOR AOEO KEIJI AND BOTH AO AND NANAKI WITNESSING THE APPEARANCE OF THE SHADOW OF AN UNIDENTIFIABLE FIGURE.
AND THE DETECTION OF DSPA IN THE NECK WOUND OF LAST NIGHT'S VICTIM TANIZAKI KEIJI
DS...? WHAT'S THAT?
AN ENZYME THAT PREVENTS THE CLOTTING OF BLOOD.

THIS IS A JOKE !
WHAT !?
THE ENZYME PREVENTS THE BLOOD FROM HARDENING SO THAT THE BAT MAY CONTINUE TO LICK THE BLOOD THAT FLOWS OUT
IT'S GENERATED WHEN VAMPIRE BATS BITE THEIR VICTIMS
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD BE WRONG!
IT IS QUITE UNEXPECTED
ER.
WAIT A SECOND! DIDN'T YOU SAY THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD BE A VAMPIRE BAT!?
DESMODUS SALIVARY PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATOR
OR DESMOTEPLASE IF THAT'S WHAT IT IS .
IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THOSE SUSPICIONS WE'VE BROUGHT TANIZAKI KEIJI'S NECKTIE
IF YOU WOULD PERFORM CONTACT KANADE?
ROGER !
SEE?! THERE!
HE'S STILL NOT WRONG! THAT THING WE SAW EARLIER WAS DEFINITELY A HUMAN!

I CAN SEE SOMETHING.
THE WHOLE BACKGROUND IS HOLDING STILL.

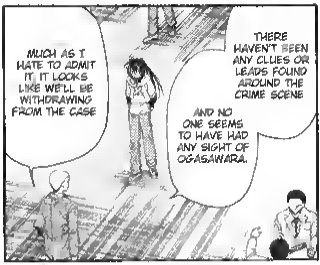
!
... IT'S FATHER OGASAWARA!
THERE YA HAVE IT
Just like I said
IN BLACK AND WITH A CROSS !!
IT WAS THE SAME CLOTHES HE WAS WEARING WHEN HE ESCAPED THE INSTITUTE!
.....
IT SEEMS TANIZAKI KEIJI WAS RIGHT WHEN HE SAID HE'D FOUND OGASAWARA
BUT THE SPEED HIS SHADOW WAS GOING WAS CRAZY! YOU THINK HE COULD BE A PSI NOURYOKUSHA!?

OR COULD WE BE DEALING WITH A REAL VAMPIRE?
YOU'RE JUST NOT GOING TO LET THAT GO, ARE YOU?
Ocult-tek
BUT I THOUGHT VAMPIRES DIDN'T LIKE SUNLIGHT?
OGASAWARA'S BEEN DOING THINGS IN THE DAY AND THE NIGHT, RIGHT?
WELL HOWEVER YOU CHOSE TO PROCEED YOU SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION
IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT OGASAWARA WILL APPEAR AROUND THAT CHURCH A SECOND TIME
NOT ALL VAMPIRES HAVE TO STAY AWAY FROM SUNLIGHT
OR CROSSES, FOR THAT MATTER
OSSAN

WHAT DID THEY DO WITH ZAKI?
AT THE MOMENT, HE'S IN THE ICU
WHAT !?
COME ON! WHY LEAVE HIM IN THERE WHEN AO CAN JUST GO IN THERE AND HEAL HIM !?
!
WE CAN'T ALLOW THAT
WHY NOT ...?
IT'S ONE OF LOCK'S REGULATIONS
WHAT !?
HOW CAN WE RATTLE ON ABOUT REGULATIONS IN A TIME LIKE THIS!? IT'S STUPID!
ARE YOU REALLY THAT CAUGHT UP IN THOSE STUPID RULES!?
AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO EXPLAIN THE SUDDEN AND COMPLETELY RECOVERY OF ONE MAN STAYING IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT?
YOU SAID THOSE GUYS AT HEAD-QUARTERS COULD PLAY WITH PEOPLE'S MEMORIES !
CONSIDER JUST HOW MANY ARE INVOLVED HERE
THIS IS A JOKE!

!
IF ONE PERSON EASES THE PAIN OF ANOTHER, THEN THE PAINS OF THE BENE-FACTOR WILL SIMPLY BE THE ONES THAT ARE OVERLOOKED.
I AM NOT A SAVIOR.
AND I HAVE NO DESIRE TO BECOME ONE
YOU REALLY MEAN THAT? SO YOU'RE REALLY THAT MUCH OF A HEARTLESS BASTARD?

THE BEST EITHER OF US CAN DO NOW IS TO FIND THAT CRIMINAL BEFORE ANOTHER VICTIM TURNS UP
ウィーン
HEHEH. I SEE
OH, DEAR THAT AO
YOU'RE HURTING YOUR HAND.
HUH ...?
HE LOOKS CALM ENOUGH
What is it?
IT'S NOTHING
I ONLY WISHED TO EXPRESS THE FACT THAT THIS REGULATION IS SOMETHING THAT I SUPPORT AS WELL
BUT HE'S GOING TO DRAW BLOOD IF HE GRIPS ANY HARDER

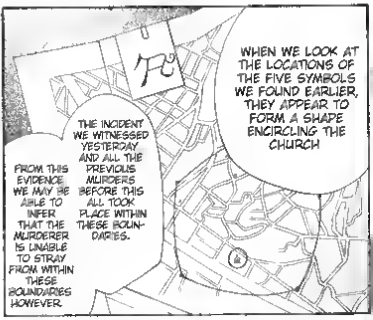

THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY CLUES OR LEADS FOUND AROUND THE CRIME SCENE
AND NO ONE SEEMS TO HAVE HAD ANY SIGHT OF OGASAWARA.
MUCH AS I HATE TO ADMIT IT, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE WITHDRAWING FROM THE CASE

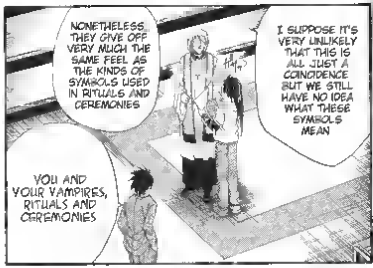
LITTLE COFIDINCE IN THE REMAINING PARTIES THOUGH WE MAY HAVE

THAT'S OK, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH STOCK IN YOUR CONFIDENCE ANYWAY
AL-THOUGH

AGEO KEIJI.
!

I SUPPOSE IF TANIZAKI WERE HERE, HE MAY HAVE HAD A LITTLE MORE FAITH.
...!
READY TO GO?
.....
YOU READY TO GO HEAL UP ZAKI?
AH!!
WE'RE GOING TO THE CHURCH.
...I SEE.
WON'T EVEN MISS A BEAT EH?
JERK.


WHEN WE LOOK AT THE LOCATIONS OF THE FIVE SYMBOLS WE FOUND EARLIER, THEY APPEAR TO FORM A SHAPE ENCIRCLING THE CHURCH
THE INCIDENT WE WITNESSED YESTERDAY AND ALL THE PREVIOUS MURDERS BEFORE THIS ALL TOOK PLACE WITHIN THESE BOUNDARIES.
FROM THIS EVIDENCE WE MAY BE ABLE TO INFER THAT THE MURDERER IS UNABLE TO STRAY FROM WITHIN THESE BOUNDARIES HOWEVER


I SUPPOSE IT'S VERY UNLIKELY THAT THIS IS ALL JUST A COINCIDENCE BUT WE STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THESE SYMBOLS MEAN
NONETHELESS THEY GIVE OFF VERY MUCH THE SAME FEEL AS THE KINDS OF SYMBOLS USED IN RITUALS AND CEREMONIES
YOU AND YOUR VAMPIRES, RITUALS AND CEREMONIES

ANYWAY THE POINT IS SO LONG AS WE STAY INSIDE THE CIRCLE AROUND THE CHURCH WOULD SHOULD RUN INTO OGAGAWARA
SO LET'S GET GOING
THE TWO OF YOU ALONE? SURELY THAT'S DANGEROUS ?

A BARRIER ...!?
THAT'S CORRECT, FATHER.

WE CAN WORK MUCH MORE EFFICIENTLY WITHOUT SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND
!
IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! YOU SHOULD BE WATCHING OUT YOURSELF.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS PLEASE CONTACT US ON THE CELL PHONES
AND THE OTHER DETECTIVES ?
HEY!
NANAKI!
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!
THAT IDIOT ...

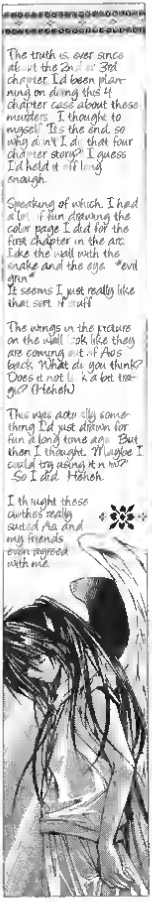
The truth is, ever since about the 2nd or 3rd chapter, I'd been planning on doing this 4 chapter case about these murders. I thought to myself "It's the end, so why don't I do that four chapter story?" I guess I'd held it off long enough.

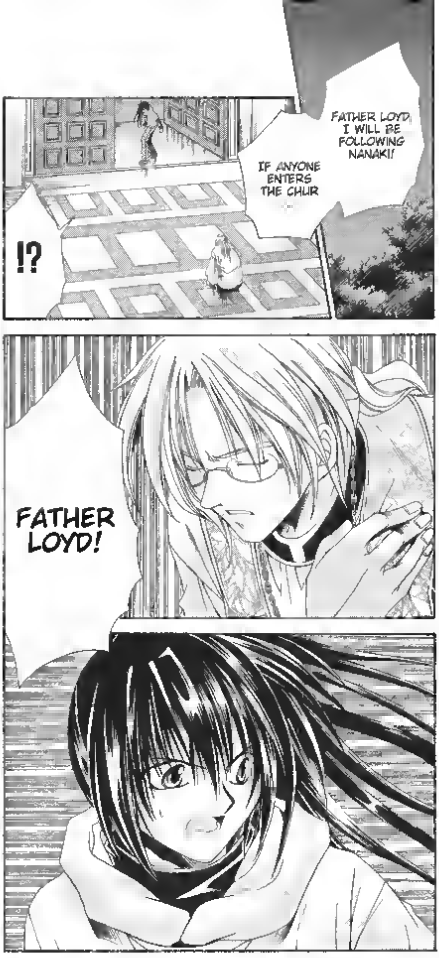
Speaking of which, I had a lot of fun drawing the color page I did for the first chapter in the art. Like the wall with the snake and the eye. "evil eye"
It seems I just really like that sort of stuff.

The wings in the picture on the wall look like they are coming out of Aya's back. What do you think? Does it not? I didn't mean to? (Hehehe)

This was actually something I'd just drawn for fun a long time ago. But then I thought, "Maybe I could try using it in it?" So I did. Hehehe.

I thought those outfits really suited Aya and my friends even agreed with me.





DID SOMETHING HAPPEN!? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
IT'S NOTHING I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN
WELL SAID FOR SOMEONE WHO'S GONE THAT PALE
I'M JUST A BIT DIZZY IT'S JUST BEEN A BIT TOO LONG SINCE I'VE HAD MUCH TO EAT
CHRISTIANITY HAS FASTING AS WELL?
AH, NO, ACTUALLY
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO GO FOLLOW NANAKI-KUN?
AH YEAH
WHERE'D HE TELEPORT OFF TO THIS TIME?
I SMELL SOMETHING...
EH?
I SMELL SOMETHING VERY ODD
I DON'T SMELL ANYTHING HERE WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD BE MAKING THE...?

WHO DID YOU JUST CALL
IT'S YOU
I COULD KILL YOU FOR THAT.
clearly
SMELLY!?
easily
!!

Better watch out. Nowhere to run anymore
AH, MY! I THOUGHT I MIGHT FIND YOU IF I JUST JUMPED ABOUT A BIT.
...AH.
SO WE FINALLY MEET. ♬
FATHER OGASAWARA.

!?
WHAT !?
IDENTIFY YOURSELF! ARE YOU THE VAMPIRE ?!
YOU THINK YOU CAN SAY THAT EVEN AFTER ATTACKING DETECTIVE TANIZAKI YESTERDAY?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S THE VAMPIRE HERE!
AND YOU'VE GOT THE GALL TO BE WEARING A CROSS AROUND YOUR NECK!
THAT MAN AND THOSE OTHERS ARE ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THIS!
WHAT'S WITH THIS OLD GUY ?
He's crazy! And he's making me look bad!

!
HE'S BEEN WEARING ONE WITHOUT A THOUGHT SINCE EVEN BEFORE HE CAME TO JAPAN.
AND A MERE CROSS WON'T BE ANY USE AGAINST HIM
"EVEN BEFORE HE CAME TO JAPAN?"
WAIT A SECOND, OLD MAN
YOU CAN GIVE ME THE LONG VERSION LATER!
GAH!
I HAD JUST BEEN APPOINTED TO A CHURCH IN THE SAME AREA, WHEN I MET THAT MAN FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME...
IT WAS JUST AFTER I HAD EARNED MY QUALIFICATIONS FROM THE THEOLOGY SCHOOL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF WASHINGTON
Frederick Anderson
IF YOU'VE GOT HIS NAME OR SOME ACTUALLY IMPORTANT INFORMATION, THEN THAT'S WHAT YOU TELL ME!

WHAT!?
FREDERICK ANDERSON
HE IS A MAN WHO DRINKS THE BLOOD OF HUMANS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE HIS YOUTH.
OH
I ADMIT THAT WASN'T THE ONE I WAS EXPECTING.
HOWEVER
SINCE IN REALITY THAT MAN DOES NOT EVEN HAVE TRUE EXISTENCE, HIS NAME IS OF LITTLE MEANING.
.....?

WHY YOU
PERHAPS I PHRASED THAT INCORRECTLY? WOULD IT BE BETTER IF I SAID YOU HAD A CERTAIN... AROMA?
WHY ARE YOU UPSET?
YOUR REGRET AT NOT BEING ABLE TO SAVE TANIZAKI KEIJI?
SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS
MARKS FROM YOUR NAILS? IT'S EVEN BLEEDING
YOU MUST HAVE A VERY STRONG GRASP
YOU MUST POSSES A MOST BEAUTIFUL AND TERRIBLY NOBLE HEART

IT IS THE BLOOD THAT TELLS ME THESE THINGS.
DON'T TRY TO TALK LIKE YOU KNOW ME!
TCH.
HE COULDN'T BE...
...WHY YOU
MAGNI-FICENT
SURELY, THIS MUST BE THE BLOOD I HAVE BEEN LONGING FOR.
.....!!

TCH
...
'DOMINION!'
HE CAN FLY?!
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!!

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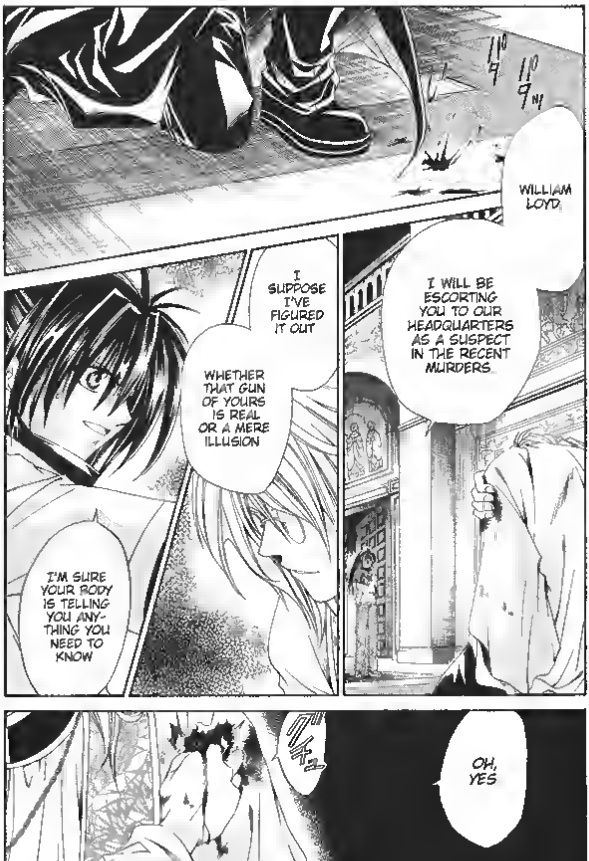
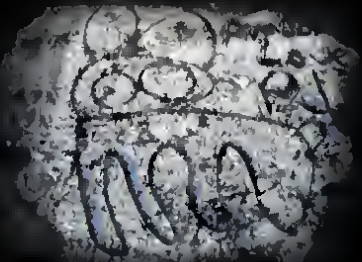

WILLIAM LOYD.
I WILL BE ESCORTING YOU TO OUR HEADQUARTERS AS A SUSPECT IN THE RECENT MURDERS.
I SUPPOSE I'VE FIGURED IT OUT
WHETHER THAT GUN OF YOURS IS REAL OR A MERE ILLUSION
I'M SURE YOUR BODY IS TELLING YOU ANY-THING YOU NEED TO KNOW
OH, YES

THIS IS QUITE REAL.
SO DOES THIS NAME "DOMINION" MEAN THAT IT CAN ALTER THE COMPOSITION OF AN OBJECT?
HOW VERY INTERESTING.

THAT IS TO SAY IN YOUR BLOOD
HOWEVER, MY TRUE INTERESTS LIE ELSEWHERE.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?
THESE SPEEDY RECOVERIES
BUT THAT IS NOT ALL THAT YOU HAVE.
YES. THE WOUND YOU GAVE ME IS NOW COMPLETELY HEALED
PERHAPS YOU EVEN HAVE THE ABILITY AS WELL

YOU DON'T
!!?
MY BODY
I CAN MOVE AGAIN!
AO!

DID I GET HERE IN TIME ?!
NANAKI ...!



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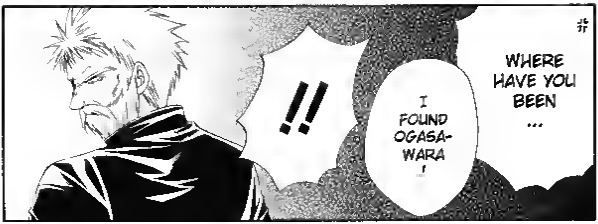
AO!

LOOKS LIKE I MADE IT !
NANAKI!!


WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ...
I FOUND OGASA-WARA !
!!

AFTER I TALKED WITH HIM A WHILE I STARTED GETTING THE FEELING THAT MAYBE FATHER LOYD WAS REALLY THE
!?
AAH!
WHY ....
GEH !?

Aogo Kay. Those who recognize him recognize him. He's just another loveable character from my story. (Hehe.) His nickname is Aggman. *and laugh* Though he appears only a few times in this manga, and he's pretty standoffish and we don't get to know him so well during those times.

Aogo Kay and Ao once had a case together too. They don't get along so well. At first? *and laugh* Well, the L Organization is after all known as a pretty eccentric group, and Aogo Kay seems to find them the most suspicious of all.

Tanzaki Kay is a pretty understanding kind of guy. Nanda and Ao both rather like him. For Ao that's an awfully rare thing. (Hehe.)

IT DOES HAVE A SPECIAL SOMETHING
HMPH
THOUGH OTHERWISE A RATHER UNNOTEWORTHY LITTLE SNACK
WHAT !?
UCK
DISGUSTING ...
YOU CALLING ME YOUR LITTLE SNACK !?
AND WHY NOT ?
THE ONE OVER THERE IS THE TRULY UNIQUE DISH
!?
YOU MEAN AO?

JUST WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT, ANYWAY?
ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN TO YOU
WOULD BE AN UTTERLY POINTLESS ENDEAVOR
NANAKI!
DON'T LOOK INTO HIS EYES!

!!

...
YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE ME, BUT I SHALL BE CUTTING MY PRAYERS SHORT FOR TODAY
YOU DO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE AN EXTREMELY TROUBLESOME FACTOR...

!!!
!!

'ACCESS HEALING'!
!!
.....
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, NANAKI?

THE MOMENT YOU'RE OK, YOU'RE GOING TO TELEPORT BACK TO HEADQUARTERS !
WE CAN'T PULL OFF AVOIDING THIS ANY LONGER!

タン
WAIT !
AO ...!?

SUCH STRANGE THINGS
WHAT THE HECK WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?
...
AO
PULL OFF AVOIDING IT?
HEY.
WHAT'S THIS ?
WHY HAS THE HEARTBEAT BECOME SO FAINT?

KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF HIM.
... THAT BASTARD

MY HEAD FEELS SO MIXED UP.
UNFORTUNATELY I CANNOT WAIT
I'LL BE NEEDING TO DRINK HIS BLOOD VERY SOON
IT'S LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING CRAWLING AROUND INSIDE IT.
I... I CAN'T BREATH
AS A CORPSE
HE'D BE OF VERY LITTLE USE TO ME
DON'T WORRY YOURSELF

NOTHING INSIDE ME WILL STAY STILL
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, ALL YOUR PROBLEMS ARE GOING TO DISAPPEAR.
FROM SOMEWHERE IN MY STOMACH ...
A HUGE MONSTER TORE ITS WAY OUT.

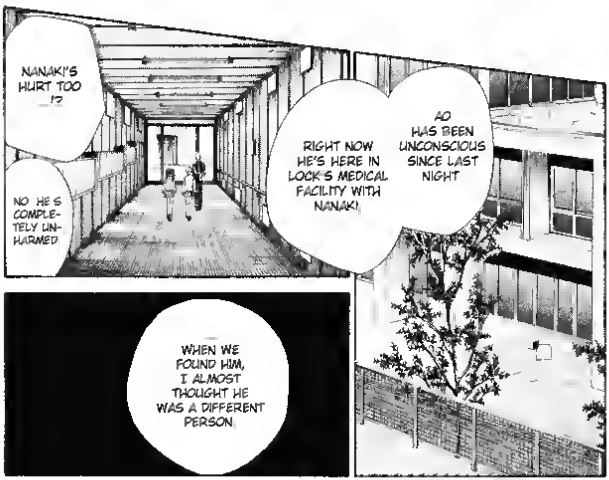
I MUST SAY IT WAS RATHER BOLD OF YOU TO CALL INTO LOCK USING NANAKI'S CELL PHONE
I ADMIT I HAD MY DOUBTS, BUT THE BOY INSISTED
!

DID THEY KILL HIM !?
WHO'S THIS?
HEY !
NANA-KI
THE VAMPIRE WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.

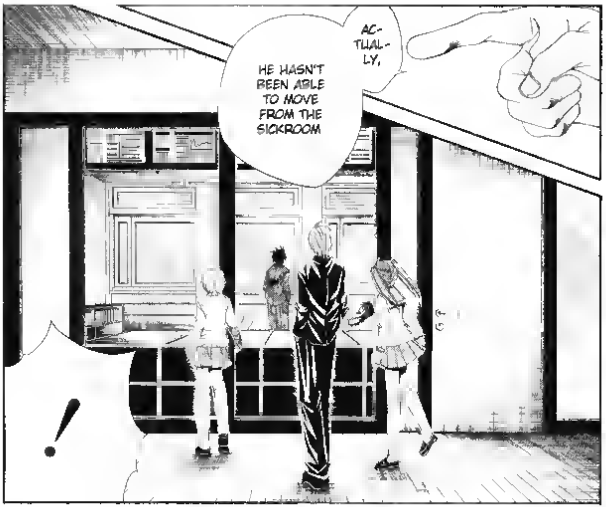
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ANY OF THIS IS ALL ABOUT ANYMORE!

BUT HE WON'T ANSWER ANYTHING I SAY!
NANAKI, YOU NEED TO CALM DOWN ...
... DON'T TELL ME TO CALM DOWN!
I'LL GIVE YOU MY HEART ... I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHING !

YOU'RE GOING TO SAVE AO RIGHT NOW!

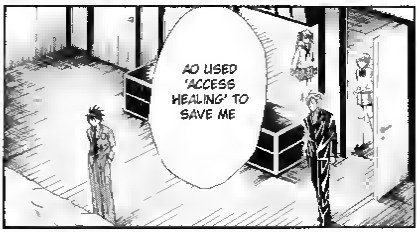

NANAKI'S HURT TOO...!?
NO. HE'S COMPLETELY UNHARMED
RIGHT NOW HE'S HERE IN LOCK'S MEDICAL FACILITY WITH NANAKI.
AO HAS BEEN UNCONSCIOUS SINCE LAST NIGHT
WHEN WE FOUND HIM, I ALMOST THOUGHT HE WAS A DIFFERENT PERSON.

AND NANAKI ALWAYS HAD BEEN SO MUCH THE CONFIDENT TYPE.
.....
WHEN WE SAW HIM HE LOOKED LIKE SOMEONE AT THEIR WIT'S END.
AND WHAT ABOUT OGASAWARA? ... AND LOYD?
WILLIAM LOYD IS IN THE ISOLATION ROOM. THE DOCTORS ARE PERFORMING AN AUTOPSY NOW
OGASAWARA IS IN CONFINEMENT
WE'D HOPED THAT NANAKI WOULD BE AROUND FOR HIS QUESTIONING, BUT
EH?
NANAKI CAN STILL MOVE, CAN'T HE?

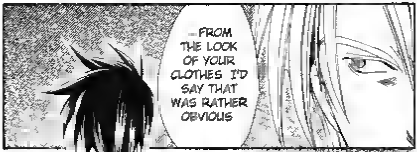

ACTUALLY,
HE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO MOVE FROM THE SICKROOM
!

HEY
WAIT A MINUTE!

EH?
BUT I THOUGHT WE HAD LOTS OF GOOD DOCTORS HERE AT LOCK?
I SUPPOSE THERE'S NOT MUCH THEY CAN DO.
THEY'RE JUST LEAVING HIM ALONE IN THERE WITHOUT EVEN DOING ANYTHING!?
They must be watching on the monitors, but


AO USED 'ACCESS HEALING' TO SAVE ME

THERE'S NOT MUCH THEY CAN DO WHEN THEY DON'T EVEN FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CAUSE


...FROM THE LOOK OF YOUR CLOTHES I'D SAY THAT WAS RATHER OBVIOUS

OSSAN

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN JUST ABOUT TO KICK THE OLD BUCKET
I GUESS SO.

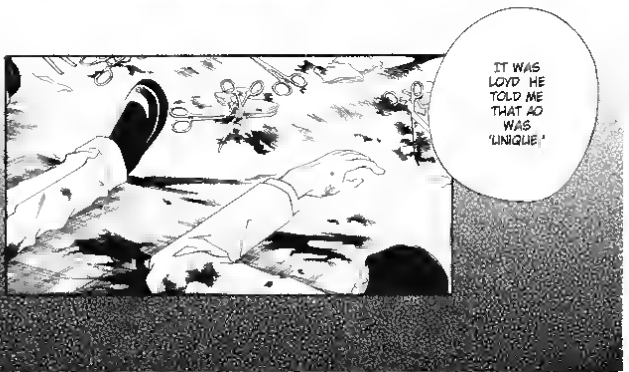
SO WHAT, HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR ME?
IT'S CALLED THE 'REACTION'
WHEN THE DAMAGE FROM THE RECIPIENT OF 'ACCESS HEALING' IS TRANSFERRED TO THE CASTER.
WHAT!
AND YOU HADN'T SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THIS TILL NOW!?
AT AO'S REQUEST
SOMETHING VERY SIMILAR TO THIS HAPPENED THREE YEARS AGO

ISURUGI NAOTO, AO'S PARTNER FROM BACK THEN, HAD COLLAPSED AFTER BEING SERIOUSLY HURT DURING AN INVESTIGATION.
AO HAD DECIDED TO PERFORM 'ACCESS HEALING' AT THAT TIME AS WELL
EH!?
AFTER THAT, ISURUGI'S ATTACHMENT TO AO BECAME INCREDIBLY FIERCE
ALMOST LIKE A HERO WORSHIP
...
THOUGH ISURUGI DENIED IT, AO CONCLUDED THAT THE CHANGE IN HIM WAS DUE TO WHAT AO HAD ENDURED FOR HIM.
BY KEEPING OTHERS UNAWARE OF THIS 'REACTION,' AO HAD HOPED TO 'AVOID' ANOTHER CASE OF HERO WORSHIP.
THAT'S ENOUGH, THANKS.
I'M GOING TO OGASAWARA.

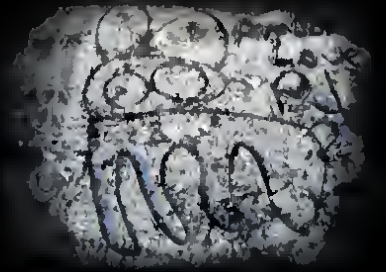
THE TWO OF YOU CAN STAY WITH AO
.....
SATSU-KI
HOLD ON A MINUTE, NANAKI! YOU MEAN, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO
SLAM
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT GUY!
AND HERE I'D THOUGHT HE WAS HONESTLY WORRIED ABOUT AO
SATSUKI -CHAN
WHAT ...!?
WHAT'S A HERO WORSHIP ?
IT'S WHEN THERE S SOMEONE WITH GREAT CHARACTER AND TALENT THAT YOU REALY ADMIRE AND CANE ABOUT AND RESPECT
!!
...
BUT THEN
EVEN WITHOUT KNOWING ABOUT THE 'REACTION' WE'D ALL STILL HAVE A HERO WORSHIP FOR AO RIGHT?

YEAH

THERE'S STILL SOMETHING ELSE ISN'T THERE OSSAN?
WHAT'S THAT?
SOMETHING ELSE BESIDES THE "REACTION"
SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T EVEN TELL SATSUKI OR KANADE BECAUSE AO DIDN'T WANT YOU TO
AND WHAT IS YOUR BASIS FOR THIS THEORY?


IT WAS LOYD HE TOLD ME THAT AO WAS 'LINIQUE.'

WELL THEN
NOW THAT ALL OBSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN CLEARED I SHALL BE TAKING MY CLAIM
OF THE MOST VENERABLE LITTLE SAINT.
His clothes regenerate too



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History repeats itself.

ALL WE WOULD DO WAS YELL "WHERE ARE THOSE TWO!?" OVER AND OVER AGAIN
BECAUSE I'M FED UP WITH TALKING TO YOU PSYCHIATRISTS!
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT WAS ANDERSON
NO WHAT WAS DONE WITH THAT VAMPIRE LOYD !?
THE BODY WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE ISOLATION ROOM FOR AN AUTOPSY
WE NEED TO CONFIRM WHETHER HE'S DEAD OR NOT !
DEAD OR NOT ...?
I C N'T ACCEPT THIS AS IT IS.
THAT CORPSE LOOKED WRONG TO ME SOMEHOW.
AND THAT VAMPIRE HAS AN EXTREMLY HIGH RECOVERY RATE!
DIRECTOR GUNJI !

THE BODY OF WILLIAM LOYD HAS DISSAPEARED FROM THE ISO— LATION ROOM !
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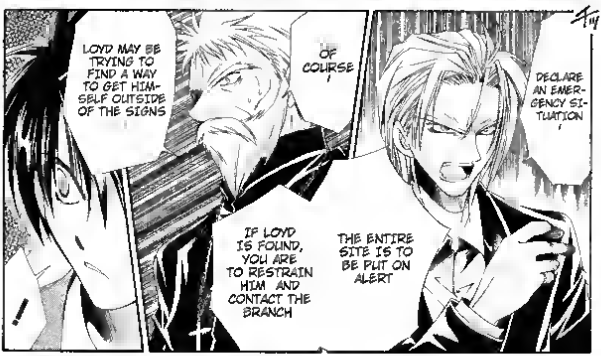
LOYD MAY BE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO GET HIM- SELF OUTSIDE OF THE SIGNS
OF COURSE !
DECLARE AN EMER- GENCY SI- TUATION !
IF LOYD IS FOUND, YOU ARE TO RESTRAIN HIM AND CONTACT THE BRANCH
THE ENTIRE SITE IS TO BE PUT ON ALERT
!

EH !?
AO DID SAY THEY MIGHT BE MAKING SOME SORT OF BARRIER
WAIT, ARE YOU SAYING YOU WERE THE ONE THAT WAS SCRIBBLING THOSE SYMBOLS ALL AROUND THE CHURCH !?

EH!?
THE SIGN OF THE SILVER WOLF
THAT'S QUITE A PARTNER YOU HAVE THERE... THEY WERE THE ONE METHOD OF FIGHTING A VAMPIRE I HAD HEARD OF FROM MY DAYS IN WASHINGTON.
LEGENDS SAY THAT SILVER WOLVES WILL COME TO DEVOUR ANY VAMPIRES WITHIN THE AREA.
HONESTLY I CAN'T SAY MYSELF WHETHER OR NOT SILVER WOLVES TRULY DO EXIST. BUT AT ANY RATE THE SYMBOLS DO SEEM TO HAVE HAD SOME EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST LOYD
WHAT!?

IF YOU CAN KILL HIM! THOSE SIGNS ARE SIMPLY A TOOL FOR RESTRICTING THE VAMPIRE'S MOVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN AREA!
What!? Who are you calling an old man!?
Hurry (sigh)
JUST TELL ME WHETHER OR NOT THOSE THINGS ARE ANY GOOD FOR KILLING THE GUY!
YOU SURE DO LIKE YOUR LONG-WINDED EXPLANATIONS DON'T YOU OLD MAN!?

FAILING THAT, I HAD ATTEMPTED TO SPEAK TO THE POLICE ABOUT REMOVING ALL OF THE CITIZENS FROM WITHIN THE AREA, BUT EVERY TIME I WAS IGNORED!
IN THE PAST I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE HIS RANGE OF ACTION EVEN MORE THAN NOW, BUT I WAS NEVER ONCE ABLE TO ZERO THE AREA IN TO HIS EXACT RESIDENCE!

BUT VAMPIRES DO HAVE A PERIOD OF HIBERNATION
I HAD NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD AWAKEN THIS SOON!
D
BUT I SPOKE OF MY WORRIES TOO FREELY.
THEY ALL WROTE ME OFF AS INSANE!
WITH NOT ONE PERSON BELIEVING WHAT I SAID, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LEAVE THE INSTITUTE MYSELF IN ORDER TO TAKE ACTION

I DO NOT MEAN TO BLAME THOSE WHO WOULD NOT LISTEN
I UNDERSTAND ALL TOO WELL THAT HUMANS DEFINE THE TRUTH BY THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES AND THE COMMON ESTABLISHED FACTS
BUT BY FOLLOWING THAT PATTERN THOSE HUMANS WHO DO NOT 'EXPERIENCE' CERTAIN THINGS
WILL END UP TAKING REALITY AND TURNING IT INTO SOMETHING AS GOOD AS FICTION

WHAT ...
...WHAT ARE YOU ...!
I'M JUST ANOTHER GUY THAT DOESN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING THEY CAN'T SEE THEMSELVES
SO I GUESS I'D NEVER REALLY BELIEVED IN VAMPIRES EITHER
SO YOU HEARING ME OUT NOW MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO MUCH TO HOPE FOR BUT

PLEASE LEND ME YOUR POWER!
YOU WON'T BE DOING THIS FOR ME.
THIS IS FOR AO. FOR SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU, WHO WOULDN'T DENY THAT SOMETHING LIKE VAMPIRES COULD REALLY EXIST!

!?
IT'S PURE SILVER.

HOWEVER, THIS TOO IS ACTUALLY JUST ANOTHER LEGEND OF THE SAME TYPE AS ALL THE OTHERS
SILVER HAS THE ABILITY TO DESTROY THE VIRUSES AND ENZYMES IN A VAMPIRE
IF YOU DRIVE THIS INTO ITS HEART, THE VAMPIRE WILL PERISH
ANY VAMPIRE HEART THAT IS WEAK TO SILVER IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CHEST
WELL!
THOSE 'LEGENDARY' SYMBOLS SEEMED TO WORK WELL ENOUGH, DIDN'T THEY, OLD MAN!
THANKS!
ZIAH!
HEY!

A VERY QUICK YOUNG MAN
HE DOESN'T LOOK
I'M SURE IT'S BECAUSE HE HAS AN IDEA OF WHERE HE MIGHT FIND LOYD FATHER OGASAWARA
FOR NANAKI, THERE IS NEVER ANY TIME LIKE THE PRESENT
DAMNIT!
I CAN'T MAKE MISTAKES AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
EH?
!
...WRONG AGAIN.
WHERE IS THIS?

...
HMM
AND YET ANOTHER TRULY UNIQUE POWER
HOPEFULLY YOU CAN SHOW ME SOMETHING OF THE GOOD TIME I HAD WITH THAT YOUNG MAN NANAKI
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE HAVING FUN WITH ME !

And now, Father Loyd. My friend said to me he wasn't much like the characters I usually do, and I guess that's true. (Heheh) I was thinking I might do something a little different from my usual, so that was a pretty good call. Though while he's different. Only the hair style is much out of the ordinary. I don't often have hair hanging all wavy like that. So I though why not give it a try?

I thought Aya's reaction might be something that could start changing the way Nanaki thought of her. After all I did create Nanaki as someone who's doesn't tend to change by average, every-day bits of circumstances. Though then again, I think there are quite a few people just like that.
So in that case, Nanaki is just a good representation of that type. (Heheh)

And about the comment Nanaki made about Father Loyd's glasses. I can never stop myself from putting a little comedy in somewhere, so I had to do it. (Heheh)

I TOLD YOU ALREADY, NO!
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT WHEN YOU APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE AND WRECK THE WALL!
SO LONG AS THE TWO OF YOU HAND OVER KUDOH AO, I WILL HAVE NO FURTHER REASON TO TROUBLE YOU
VERY WELL
THEN I SHALL DEAL WITH THE BOTH OF YOU.
!!
ヒュン

NA
...
IT'S NANAKI
...
...RIGHT?
MM.
!!
NANAKI-KUN!
WHAT'S THIS? THE FLOOR'S KINDA UNSTEADY?
HURRY UP AND TAKE THAT THING
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GWA !
TRYING TO LAND RIGHT ON TOP OF SOMEONE
!
A BLIND-FOLD
SINCE I CAN'T MOVE IF I LOOK INTO YOUR EYES.
BUT CAN YOU EVEN TELL WHERE I'M STANDING WHEN YOU'RE WEARING THAT ?
HEH I MAY NOT BE THE BRIGHTEST CRAYON IN THE BOX

YOU'RE ALREADY OFF!
BUT MY AMAZING SENSES ARE NOT TO BE TOYED WITH!
...
Char. Intro?
NANAKI! HE'S COMING!
RIDICULOUS
!!
!
WELL THEN.
BUT YOU'RE FALLING!
HAHAHA! BUT OF COURSE!
WELL DODGED

WHY DON'T I TRY GIVING YOU A TASTE OF MY TRUE ABILITIES!
!!
...!
!?
ΔΔH !
!!
NANAKI

!?
MY LEG?
TIME TO GO FOR THE KILL.
LAND MINE!

SATSUKI-CHAN, NANAKI-KUN'S AMAZING! HE'S USING THINGS I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF BEFORE!
IT'S JUST AN UNDER-GROUND EXPLOSION!
ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS GET HEAVENS' TO WORK UNDER-GROUND!
It's like playing a video game
HEHEH. WE CAN PASS IMAGES THROUGH TELEPATHY TOO, YOU KNOW
AND I MUST SAY, EVEN FROM THIS DIFFERENT ANGLE HERE, I'M STILL A TOTAL HUNK
YOU OK, LOYD-SAN?
LOOKS LIKE YOUR RECOVERY HASN'T QUITE CAUGHT UP WITH YOU YET.
HIS MOVEMENTS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE. CAN HE REALLY NOT SEE ANYTHING ...!?

WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, MY LITTLE GODDESS OF VICTORY ?

--- WHY YOU ---

YOU'LL BE SAYING GOOD NIGHT NOW, I'M AFRAID.

!!

!!
GOOD-
NIGHT

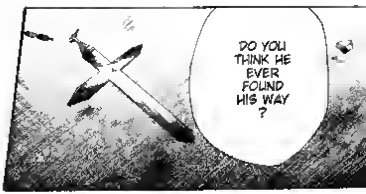
GOOD-
NIGHT
!!

AN EXPLOSION!
INDEED IT'S HARD TO EVEN THINK OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED HAD AO NOT REGAINED HIS CONSCIOUSNESS SO QUICKLY
HE'S SUCH AN IDIOT! RUNNING AROUND IN THAT BLINDFOLD IS WAY TOO DANGEROUS!
JUST USE MY NAME FOR ONCE
OSSAN AND THE OLD MAN! WHAT DO YOU WANT NOW?

AH WELL ACTUALLY...
OF COURSE I WOKE UP

IT WAS ANNOYING
ODDLY ENOUGH, IT MADE ME ANGRY.
NO. HE KEPT CALLING ME A 'DWARF' AND A 'BRAT' AND 'IRON MASK.'
AW, NOW COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.
EH?
THE MESSAGES HE WAS PASSING ME KEPT WANDERING INTO MY HEAD
SO IT WAS JUST AS ISURUGI DID BEFORE

FATHER OGASAWARA ?
IT'S NOTHING I JUST REMEMBERED
WHEN I MET LOYD AGAIN IN TOKYO, HE LOOKED AT ME AND ALL THE YEARS THAT I HAD AGED, AND HE SNEERED
BY DRINKING THE BLOOD OF HUMANS LOYD WAS ABLE TO PERSERVE HIS YOUTH HE FELT SUPERIOR
AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS HE COULD STILL FEEL THE LIMITS OF HIS CURRENT POWERS
HE WAS FOREVER SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO TAKE THOSE LIMITS OFF, TO MAKE IT LAST FOREVER
HE EVEN WENT TO JAPAN IN PURSUIT OF IT


DO YOU THINK HE EVER FOUND HIS WAY ?

AO.

I SEE YOU'VE FINALLY PULLED YOURSELF OUT OF BED..
GUNJI-SAN
DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS ?
SO FATHER OGASAWARA IS BECOMING A SPECIALIST FOR LOCK ?
OH NOT THAT
TANIZAKI KEIJI

AND I DON'T BELIEVE IT TO BE A MISTAKE.
BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT BE ANGRY... FOR ALL THE POWER THAT I LACK !
IN THE END, I REALLY DO UNDERSTAND LOYD'S DESIRE FOR THAT UNLIMITED POWER

HE PASSED AWAY THREE DAYS AGO I'VE ALREADY LET NANAKI KNOW
I MADE MY DECI-SION.

RELAX I WAS TALKING ABOUT 'ACCESS HEALING '
NOT ABOUT BEING AN 'ENDLESS'
AO ...

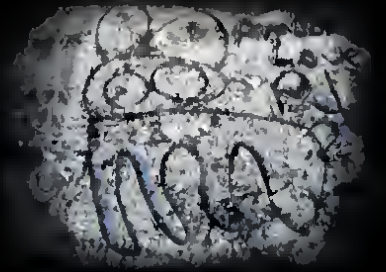
HOW MUCH DID YOU TELL NANAKI ?
ONLY THE BASICS.
THAT THERE WERE ABNORMALITIES IN THE MAKEUP OF YOUR CELLS THAT NEITHER YOU NOR THE RESEARCHERS COULD EXPLAIN.
AND ALSO
AND THAT YOUR OUTWARD APPEAREANCE HAS FROZEN SINCE THE DAY THAT YOUR POWERS AWAKENED WHEN YOU WERE SIXTEEN.
WHERE DO YOU GET OFF CALLING THAT "THE BASICS" ...
NANAKI WAS THE ONE
THAT YOU HAD BEEN LEFT WITH A NAME TAG AND ABANDONED OUTSIDE THE LOCK'S PSI NOURYOKUSHA TRAINING FACILITY
!
WHAT!?

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S OVERDOING IT? CALLING HIM 'KUDOH AO'?
HE BROUGHT UP YOUR NAME
I GUESS YOUR PARENTS MUST HAVE KNOW YOU WERE AN 'ENDLESS'
I'M A LITTLE MORE ALARMED BY THEIR NAMING SENSE THAN THAT ルイ!
MAYBE SOMETHING LIKE 'ETERNAL-CHIBI-SUKE' WOULD BE BETTER?
NA...
I THINK IT'S PRETTY GOOD, DON'T YOU?

THOUGH I MUST SAY, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN LATE TO YOUR TRAINING MUCH LATELY HAVE YOU?
EH?
WELL, YOU KNOW... I GOT UP TO THE DOOR AND YOU TWO WERE TALKING SO SNEAKY-LIKE
NOTHING SNEAKY ABOUT IT.
WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
WELL, I COULD END UP PRETTY SORRY NEXT TIME I RUN INTO ANOTHER TOUGH FIGHT LIKE THAT.
THAT VAMPIRE DID A PRETTY GOOD NUMBER ON ME!
STILL
DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I HATE PUTTING LOTS OF EFFORT INTO THINGS, SO I HAVEN'T BEEN WORKING ALL THAT HARD
WELL, ALL I REALLY MEANT WAS...
NOT WILLING TO TRY IT AT ALL?

I'M NOT GOING TO GO AND SCREW UP MY OWN PACE.
WHAT?
NO-THING
JUST KEEP BEING YOUR-SELF, THEN.
MORE THAN A HERO TO WOR-SHIP

I'D STILL RATHER CALL HIM MY GODDESS OF VICTORY.
DID YOU REALLY JUST SMILE?
Surprised
DON'T GET OFF THE SUBJECT
ANYWAY, IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE SINCE YOU TWO HAVE DONE ANY COOPERATION TRAINING. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE IT A TRY?
WELL I GUESS I CAN NAG HIM ABOUT IT ALL I WANT.
MAYBE IN FIFTY YEARS OR SO, HE'LL ACTUALLY TELL ME
ANY TIME.
CH SHINRI GENSHI N RYOKUSHA NANAKI/END



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